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Thu, Apr 24, 2014 at 10:56 AM

- Sent both Jake & Jason the Notice (approved)

Hi Jason and Jake,

I thought it would be good to update you on the permit transfer and permit. First, we have not yet received the letter from Wells Fargo notifying us of the funds transfer. I assume you are in communication with them, and we will stand by until we get their letter.

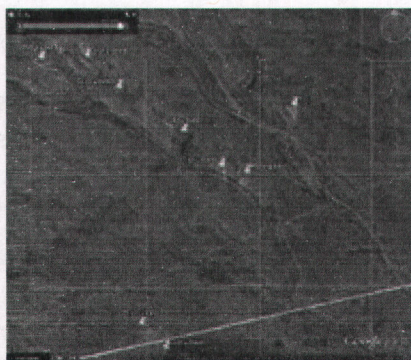
I visited the sites last week, and confirmed that the regrading of the biggest pit in Section 36 is finished, and it looks good. Vegetation is not fully established on any of the backfilled pits, and other sites identified in the approved Notice to the southeast in Section 2 are still open.

There are some unauthorized small pits and trenches in Section 2 that are not shown on the approved Notice maps and that help push the actual disturbance over the approved total disturbance of 1 acre (see attached Notice). Two of these pits were recently acceptably backfilled (last fall or earlier this spring). The total acreage not yet regraded is less than 1 acre, and the total disturbances (includes regraded areas waiting for revegetation) is about 2 acres.

So the bond is still adequate for the current disturbances (~ 1 acre). In order for the Division to approve future excavations, though, the Notice needs to be amended to update the total acreage to be disturbed and to show new and future disturbances on maps, and an archaeologist may need to survey future disturbances first. Also, acreage needs to be freed up by either backfilling some of the existing pits or by providing additional bond. The reclamation bond will need to be adjusted next year (April 2014), and it looks like the bond amount will probably go up by about \$2,000 for the next 3 year period. Bond amounts jumped up significantly in 2012 and 2013, so it looks like bonds will be higher than when this permit was first approved in 2011, fyi. Bond can be fully released in acre increments once regrading is complete (though some will need to be retained to cover revegetation).

I will talk with my boss about anything we need to do on our end. Let me know if there are questions.

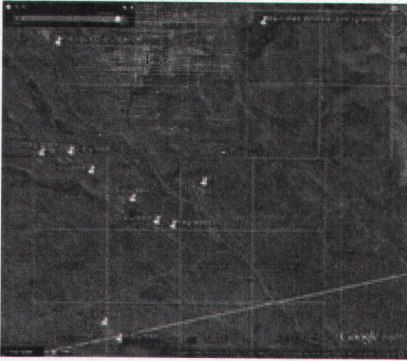
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2 attachments

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